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Dear Examiner Sisson:

Pursuant to our conference today, please amend Claim 1 for Application No: 10/081,563 as follows. I have highlighted the changes, in addition to using the standard underline and cross-out feature, for your convenience in preparing an Examiner's amendment. These changes should correspond to lines 5-6 and lines 9-13 in our previous response.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of screening a human female for increased likelihood of having a favorable response to estrogen replacement therapy with respect to cardiovascular health due to increased HDL levels, comprising:

detecting the presence of at least one estrogen receptor alpha polymorphism in said subject, wherein said at least one estrogen receptor alpha polymorphism is selected from the group consisting of the IVS1-354 polymorphism, the IVS1-401 polymorphism, the IVS1-1415 polymorphism, and the IVS1-1505 polymorphism, the presence of said rare form of said estrogen receptor alpha polymorphism IVS1-354 polymorphism, IVS1-401 polymorphism, IVS1-1415 polymorphism, or IVS1-1505 polymorphism indicating that said subject is more likely to have a favorable response to estrogen replacement therapy with respect to cardiovascular health than a subject with other known estrogen receptor alpha polymorphisms;

said at least one estrogen receptor alpha polymorphism selected from the group consisting of the IVS1-354 polymorphism, the IVS1-401 polymorphism, the IVS1-1415 polymorphism, and the IVS1-1505 polymorphism.

Additionally, please cancel Claims 3-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards.

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